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REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

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Sir:

On June 27, 2003, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. Applicants note that the initialed PTO-1449 form has never been returned. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

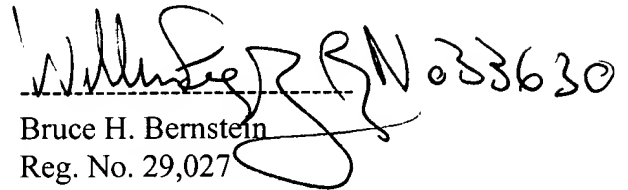
For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed June 27, 2003, a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the respective date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Since prosecution was not closed and the fee was paid, consideration is submitted to be appropriate and is requested by return of a signed and initialed copy of the PTO 1449 form.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on March 8, 2002 and June 5, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,227,792 to RENTSCHLER, issued on October 14, 1980;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,089,760 to TERADA, issued on July 18, 2000;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,892,998 to KODAIRA et al., issued on April 6, 1999;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,125,237 to PARK, issued on September 26, 2000;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,426,145 to HASHIMOTO, issued on January 17, 1984;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,839,680 to AMADA et al., issued on June 13, 1989;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 4,922,274 to YAMAMOTO et al., issued on May 1, 1990; and
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,176,627 to SUH, issued on January 23, 2001.

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The above-mentioned documents were cited by the Examiner in related co-pending, commonly assigned patent application Nos. 10/101,150 (i.e., documents (1) and (2)); 10/101,062 (i.e., documents (3) and (4)); and 10/101,149 (i.e., documents (5)-(8)). Because these related co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 5, 2003, Applicant presumes that the Examiner has considered the above-noted documents during his review of the files of related Application Nos. 10/101,150; 10/101,062; and 10/101,149.

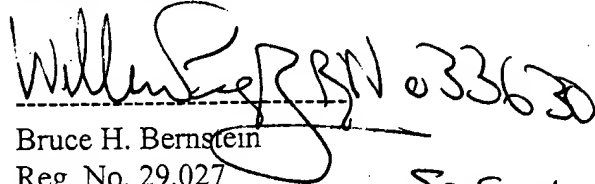
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has issued in the instant application, and thus, a check in the amount of \$180.00 is attached to ensure consideration of this statement and the submitted materials. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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